Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3 Canceled

4. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a screen-based host system provided with information processing and I/O facilities, and for interacting with an item, ~~said~~ the method comprising:

    ~~transmitting~~ receiving information from the item ~~to said~~ at the host, in response to proximity conditions between ~~said~~ the host and ~~said~~ the item, ~~and~~

    signaling to a user an associated service field at the host in response to ~~said transmitted~~ the received information, and

    transmitting other information from the host to the item, for storage at the item.

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising enabling ~~said~~ the user to activate information processing operations at the host related to ~~said~~ the associated service field.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising transmitting ~~to said item~~ host-generated results related to ~~said~~ the associated service field during such proximity conditions to the item.

7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, comprising
producing an iconized representation of the item at ~~said~~
the host in response to ~~said associated service field~~ the
received information.

8. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a
screen-based host system provided with information processing
and I/O facilities, and for interacting with a distributed
item, ~~said~~ the method comprising:
identifying ~~said~~ the item in response to proximity
conditions between ~~said~~ the host and ~~said~~ the item; ~~and~~
signaling to a user an associated service field at the
host, and
transmitting information from the host to the item, for
storage at the item.

9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising
producing an icon in response to ~~said~~ the identifying,
for signaling to a user ~~said~~ the associated service field.

10. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising
enabling an input for a user to activate information
processing operations related to ~~said~~ the associated service
field.

11. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 8, comprising
transmitting to ~~said~~ the item host-generated results
during such proximity conditions related to ~~said~~ the
associated service field.

12. (Currently amended) A multimedia method for use with a screen-based host system provided with information processing and I/O facilities, and for interacting with an item, ~~said~~ the method comprising:

identifying ~~said~~ the host to ~~said~~ the item in response to proximity conditions between ~~said~~ the host and ~~said~~ the item;

transmitting information from the item to ~~said~~ the host in response to ~~said~~ the proximity conditions, ~~and~~

signaling to a user an associated service field at the host in response to ~~said~~ the transmitted information, and

transmitting information from the host to the item, for storage at the item.

13. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising enabling ~~said~~ the user to activate information processing operations related to ~~said~~ the associated service field.

14. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising transmitting to ~~said~~ the item host-generated results related to ~~said~~ the associated service field during such proximity conditions.

15. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 12, comprising producing an iconized representation of the item at ~~said~~ the host in response to ~~said associated service field~~ the transmitted information.